



South Dakota

DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS



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OUR DEPARTMENT'S MISSION

- Recognize the nine sovereign tribes who share our geographical borders as distinct political entities.
- Support their self-governance efforts.
- Work with their chosen leaders in a cooperative government-to-government relationship in order to improve the quality of life for all South Dakota citizens.
- Identify, develop and/or coordinate federal state and local resources to increase partnerships between state and tribal agencies.
- Introduce and/or support any legislation that would improve the quality of life for the Native American population in the state.



LETTER FROM SECETARY FLUTE

Department of Tribal Relations

Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. My continued gratitude for tribal health care workers that have worked tirelessly with our agency representative Senior Policy Analyst, Nicole Schneider. The work group Nicole is assigned to is comprised of state employees from various agencies as well as tribal agencies. Their coordinated effort illustrates positive working relationships between governments and adds to the foundation of effective state-tribal relations.

I would like to welcome the newly appointed Office of Indian Education director, Fred Osborn. Please read more about him in this newsletter.

The 2021 legislative session started on January 12th and runs through March 11th. It has been a busy time as usual for our staff. It's my sincere hope that South Dakota legislators have a successful session. Thank you to all legislators for your public service.

The state-tribal relations team coordinated a two-day event that began on January 13th in the Capitol Rotunda. State agencies such as the Department of Public Safety, and Department of Social Services, along with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe's Law Enforcement setup booths in the Capitol to present information and services to legislators and the public. 2017 National Endowment of the Arts winner, Bryan Akipa also provided entertainment and an art display. We are very grateful for their displays and participation.

On January 14th, we cohosted a listening session with the South Dakota Department of Public Safety to share information about the state's response to tribal assistance requests. Attendees shared ideas on ways to collaborate to improve public safety and communities for both the state and tribes. The second annual Governor-Chairmen Top Gun Shootout was held that evening with two teams from Sisseton-Wahpeton competing against the Lieutenant Governor and me. We are thankful that Sisseton-Wahpeton stayed to compete in the shootout despite inclement weather. This year's winners are announced in this newsletter.

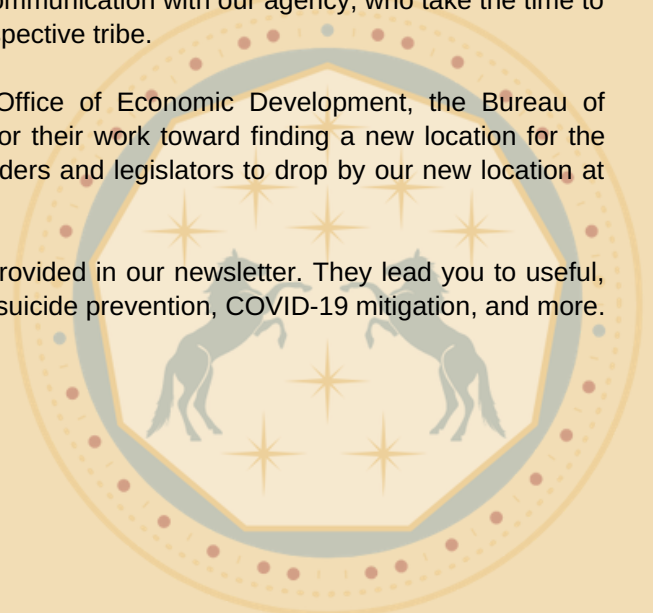
We appreciate the tribal leaders that engage in continual communication with our agency, who take the time to share and visit about issues important to them and their respective tribe.

Finally, thank you to Governor Noem, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Bureau of Administration, and the Bureau of Finance Management for their work toward finding a new location for the Department of Tribal Relations. We welcome our tribal leaders and legislators to drop by our new location at the Dolly Reed Plaza.

I encourage you to carefully review the links and stories provided in our newsletter. They lead you to useful, important information and materials concerning education, suicide prevention, COVID-19 mitigation, and more.

Hau, henana epekte'do.

Cabinet Secretary,
David Flute





SD DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL RELATIONS OFFICE MOVES TO CAPITOL COMPLEX

New Location Promotes Partnerships with State Agencies for Better Collaboration in the Service of SD Indian Country

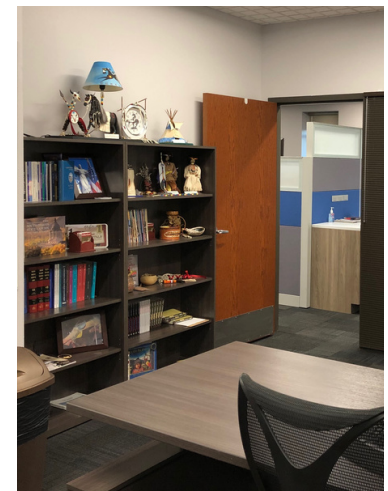
1/25/2021

The SD Department of Tribal Relations has moved from downtown Pierre to join the majority of SD state agencies in the Capitol Complex, near the SD State Capitol Building. The new location in the Dolly Reed Plaza provides more opportunities for collaboration with other state agencies as well as more meeting space for both formal and informal collaboration with tribal leaders and organizations.

The Dolly Reed Plaza also houses the Department of Tourism, the Department of Revenue (Lottery), and the Governor's office of Economic Development.

State and agency leadership agree that the move will allow the Department of Tribal Relations a better vantage point to create meaningful connections within the state infrastructure. In turn, it is our sincere hope that our department can better serve our Native American South Dakotans!

NEW LOCATION ADDRESS
711 E. Wells Ave.
Pierre, SD





FROM THE

OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION



NEW OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Fred Osborn

Frederick Osborn holds an MBA from Marylhurst University, as well as a Bachelor of Science, Business Administration and Juris Doctor from Creighton University.

Osborn has over 17 years of experience in all phases of curriculum development, both traditional and online, including program design and implementation at the post-secondary level. His teaching experience includes Business, Computer Software, Economics, Humanities, Law, and Real Estate at Pioneer Pacific College, Chemeketa Community College, and Linfield University.

Most recently as Chief Academic Officer and Title IX Coordinator for Pioneer Pacific College, Osborn supervised all faculty and academic standards while serving as direct liaison with both federal and state government agencies.



OCETI SAKOWIN ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS RESOURCES

*Partnership Creates Tools for K-12
Educators Teaching OSEUs*

2/1/2021

K-12 educators have new resources to support instruction of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards!

These resources are made possible through partnership with the South Dakota Department of Education, South Dakota Public Broadcasting, Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE), the Red Cloud Indian School, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Education Department, Rapid City Area Schools, and the Region 11 Comprehensive Center.

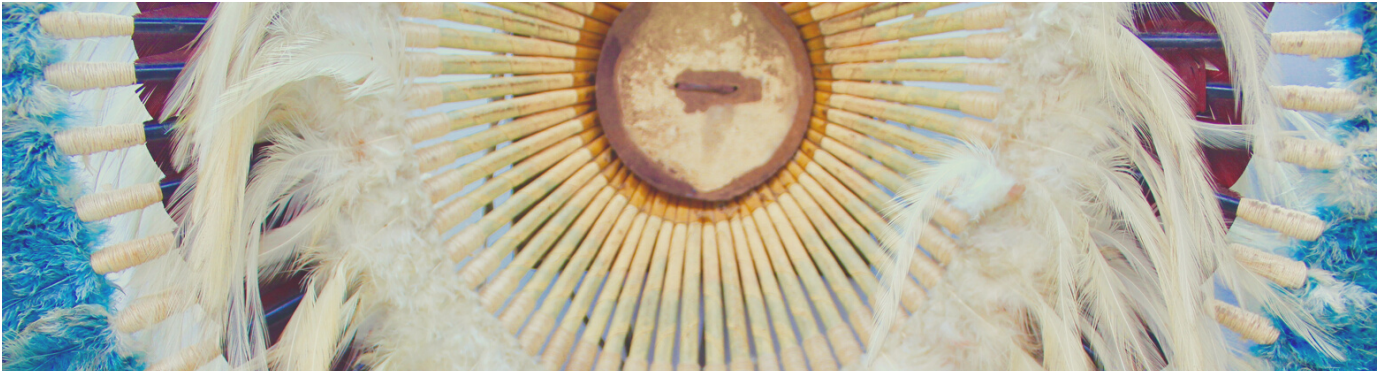
The Department of Education and the Office of Indian Education will be sharing these resources on a weekly basis. Each resource page is released according to a timed scheduled following the curriculum layout of the Oceti Sakowin Essential Understandings and Standards.

Visit the South Dakota Office of Indian Education website to learn more.



Instructional Resources

IN THE NEWS

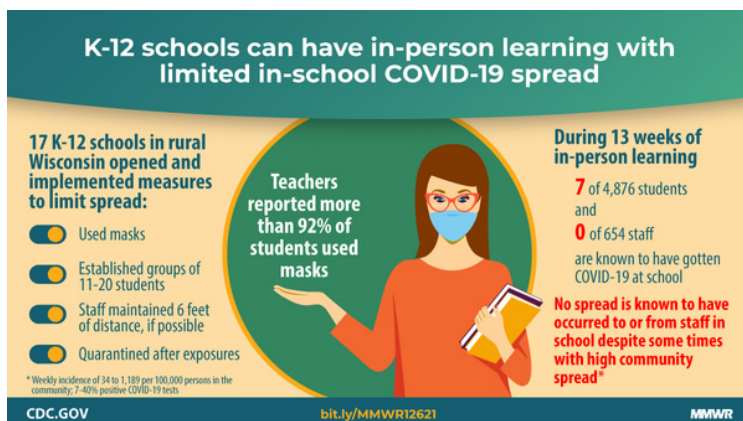


MITIGATING COVID-19 IN SCHOOLS

CDC Data and Case Studies

1/29/2021

"With masking requirements and student cohorting, transmission risk within schools appeared low, suggesting that schools might be able to safely open with appropriate mitigation efforts in place."



COVID-19 Cases and Transmission in 17 K-12 Schools



SARS-CoV-2 Transmission Associated with High School Wrestling Tournaments

STORY LINKS

1/8 - BIA Proposal to Streamline Its Indian Probate Processes

1/14 - BIA Invests Over \$760,000 to Start New Businesses and Commercial Projects

1/19 - BIE Announces New Construction on School Campuses

1/26 - White House Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships

2/1 - Residential Evictions in USDA Multifamily Housing Communities Halted

STORY LINKS

2/2 - IHS Receives an Additional \$1 billion for COVID-19 Response

2/4 - Sen. Mike Rounds Hosts Listening Session on VA Native American Direct Home Loan Reform

2/9 - Substance Abuse Recovery Program for Mothers Launched in SD

2/11 - Interior Announces Series of Tribal Consultations in Recognition of the Importance of Nation-to-Nation Relationship



GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM & SECRETARY DAVID FLUTE VISIT STANDING ROCK

2/12/2021

On Friday, February 12, SD Governor Kristi Noem met with Chairman Faith and Council members at Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. They conversated about working together on healthcare, roads, *and* economic development.

Governor Kristi Noem says via Facebook, "We'll continue to work with both them and the federal government on important issues."



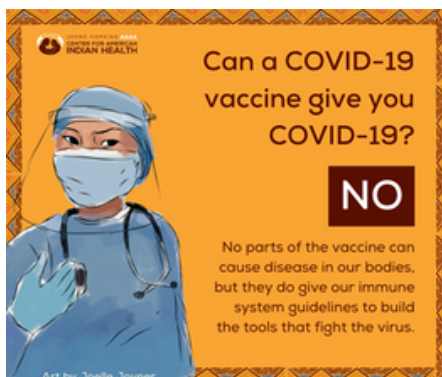
SD DOH
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Updates



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COVID-19 SOCIAL MEDIA TOOL KITS

From John Hopkins
Center for American
Indian Health

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Toolkits](#)

State-Tribal Relations Event 2021



January 13 & 14 - SD State Capitol, Pierre, SD



Follow us on Instagram for more Event Photos!

STATE OF THE TRIBES ADDRESS

Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman, Mike Faith



Video recorded by SDPB



Department of Public Safety, Highway Patrol and Driver's Licensing Booth at the Rotunda. State-Tribal Relations Day attendees had opportunities to learn more about the Highway Patrol and Department of Public Safety as well as renew their driver's licenses.



State of the Tribes Address. Left to right: Delray Demery, Tribal Council Standing Rock, Charles Walker, Tribal Council Standing Rock, Mike Faith, Chairman Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Delbert Hopkins, Chairman Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, David Flute, Cabinet Secretary SD Department Tribal Relations, Peter Lengkeek, Chairman Crow Creek Sioux Tribe



Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Police Booth at the Rotunda. Officer Woody Hawkins brought information about the SWO reservation as well as their law enforcement.



State-Tribal Relations Event 2021 (con't)



Booth from Department of Social Services.

"Our goal is to build stronger families all over South Dakota, so we're thrilled to be part of 'State Tribal Relations Day at the Capitol.' Tribal relations are important to us every day, not just today," says Department of Social Services Cabinet Secretary Laurie Gill. "DSS is available to work hand in hand with the nine tribes in our state to collaborate on how we can continue to support and strengthen individuals and families. We provide support and services including Medicaid, behavioral health care, drug prevention, economic assistance, protection for children and services to their families, and many others because strong and healthy families are the foundation of our great state."



Targeted Suicide Prevention Resources from DSS

Dakota Flutist, Bryan Akipa. Brian played traditional flute music and setup a booth with cultural art items at the State-Tribal Relations Rotunda Event.

More about Bryan Akipa:
www.bryanakipa.com



The second Governor-Chairmen Top Gun Shootout. Tribal Chairmen and Council members were invited for a team target shooting competition.



Top Gun Shootout Award. By Pheasantland Industries.



2021 Top Gun Winners. SD Lieutenant Governor, Larry Rhoden and DTR Cabinet Secretary, David Flute.

SERVICES & INFORMATION



COVID-19: TALK. SUPPORT. HELP.



METH ADDICTION IS
EVERYONE'S PROBLEM.



EVERY ONE OF US
has the power to save a life.



The IHS is announcing a new 24/7 mobile messaging tool for American Indians and Alaska Natives who want to quit commercial tobacco use. [Click Here](#) for more information.



For Information about 2021 SD Legislative Session
Visit the [SD Legislative Research Council's Website](#) or
Listen to [Statehouse Coverage on SDPB](#).



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